

## No Confidence in the Flesh - Philippians 3:1-11

**Topics:** Accomplishments, Believers, Faith, Heresy, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Joy, Reputation, Resurrection, Righteousness, Suffering

### Open It

- \* 1. If you were to update your resume today, what recent accomplishment would you want to include?
- 2. What do you feel are your most valuable skills and gifts?
- 3. How do you feel when someone is better than you at something you do well?

### Explore It

- 4. What did Paul call on believers to do? (3:1)
- 5. Why did Paul repeat essential truths to the Philippians? (3:1)
- 6. What did Paul say about certain false teachers? (3:2)
- 7. Whom did Paul identify as “true”? (3:3)
- \* 8. What autobiographical facts did Paul give? (3:4-6)
- 9. In what sense was Paul not boasting, even though he was calling attention to his accomplishments? (3:7-9)
- \* 10. Why did Paul view his former accomplishments as “rubbish”? (3:8)
- \* 11. What was Paul’s status in Christ? (3:9)
- 12. What longings did Paul admit to the Philippians? (3:10-11)
- 13. What hope did Paul express? (3:11)

### Get It

- 14. What sorts of things tend to draw you away from Christ?
- \* 15. What do you usually boast about?
- 16. Why do we tend to base our worth as Christians on our performance?
- \* 17. Why should our identity and confidence be in the Lord?
- 18. How is the Apostle Paul’s commitment to Christ an example to you?

### Apply It

- \* 19. What do you need to start counting as rubbish for the sake of Christ?
- 20. When you face struggles this week, how can you remember to rejoice rather than complain?